

## REMARKS

The amendments set out above and the following remarks are believed responsive to the points raised by the Examiner in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated 8 March 2007. Entry of the above is respectfully requested. Applicants petition and enclose the appropriate fee in accordance with 37 CFR ' 1.136(a) to extend the due date for the present response by two months, i.e., to and including 8 June 2007. Following the entry of this amendment claims 37-40 and 50-54 are pending. In view of the amendments set out above and the remarks listed in the previously submitted response, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the claims, Applicants have added the text of the withdrawn claims (18, 20, and 41-49). Applicants have also used "strikeout" to show the deletion in claim 39.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and previously submitted remarks, it is submitted that this application is now ready for allowance. No new subject matter has been added. Early notice to this effect is solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4650. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed. If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 410-923-2660.

Respectfully submitted,

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